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Campus comes alive as students bustle to class on Thursday, August 28.

NC Welcomes New Political Science Major

New Bachelor of Arts Degree Comes to Northwest

BY JUSTIN PIKE
reporter-at-large

NORTHWEST COLLEGE-Christians and politics: do the two go together? Humorist Mark Twain once wrote, "An honest man in politics shines more there than he would elsewhere." On the Northwest campus and elsewhere in the evangelical world, there are many people skeptical of politics and Christian involvement.

Fortunately for every citizen interested in carrying the call, NC is now offering a new major. The new Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & History incorporates existing classes in history, such as Modern Middle East History or Western Civilization III, with a rich tapestry of political science courses, such as Crucial Issues and Constitutional Law II.

The new political science major began as a joint effort by political science professor Teresa Gillespie and history professors Jim Heugel and LeRoy Johnson.

Professor Gillespie notes, "The new major was first approved by the board in May." Using history as an important base, the professors created the major using courses that are already offered at Northwest, including most of

the political science components of the major.

Student input and interest has been key in bringing the new major to Northwest. Dr. Marshall Flowers, Vice President for Academic Affairs, notes, "We have now arrived at that critical mass of students to help sustain a cross-disciplinary major."

Professor Johnson elaborates, "Our hope is that it will increase the number of majors in our area of study."

The political science and history major is intended to provide students with a variety of post-graduation possibilities, including careers in government, law, journalism, public service, business, and teaching. "Political science is the most common major for law students," professor Gillespie adds. "20% of law students major in political science."

Professor Jim Heugel relates, "It [the major] poises one well for many graduate school experiences."

Although the major is a major asset to students interested in law, it is not just for the legal-minded. Gillespie expounds, "You don't have to go to law school. It covers things every citizen should know."

Both political science and history courses are offered, tightening the

relationship between the two areas. Dr. Johnson reiterates, "A lot of politicians have been history buffs, such as Harry Truman." The major provides a solid base while providing flexibility for students to incorporate both political science and history classes into their schedules. Professor Heugel concurs, "I am excited about the depth and increased options it brings to our department."

The new major may, in part, answer the question of Christians and politics: we must carry the call in every career. As Dr. Johnson says, "Christians ought to be involved in politics." His colleague, Teresa Gillespie, agrees: "This is an opportunity to see how Christians can make a difference. Political science impacts so many things."

Jim Heugel concludes, "I believe the new major will serve to help prepare many of our students to make a significant difference in the world for God's Kingdom."

Of note is the fact that the new major is a first step in expanding these areas of study. According to Dr. Flowers, "The next step in the process will be to employ a full-time faculty member who will serve as a key advisor to students wanting to pursue a prelaw track. Most likely, this individual will commence service full-time in Fall 2004."

Please Excuse Our Dust

BY REBECCA WILSON
The Talon

As students rolled onto campus last week, they may have noticed a few changes that have developed since they were last here.

Butterfield Chapel received a complete make-over this summer with new chairs, new floors, new walls and even a new organ. The Eagle's Nest is just a construction zone right now; but in a few weeks, this construction zone will be a small, modern coffee shop with a forest theme.

One of the most noticeable changes is the large hole that has enveloped the field that used to be the quad. Why have they dug up a perfectly good playing field? Every year, water comes pouring down from a natural spring on the Seahawk's property behind NC's campus. This water runs down under the chapel parking lot, into the pond outside of Butterfield Chapel, down through campus and eventually ends up in the small pond outside of Crowder Hall. This stream of water winds its way through Kirkland neighborhoods and ends up in Lake Washington.

Steve Sankey, Director of Campus Planning and Construction, explains that the design behind this project is to restrict and control the quantity of storm/surface water that flows off of the NC campus, through

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Coming Soon

Next issue – October 3rd

A quick look at new features

Point and Counterpoint

Students debate current world and campus issues that are influential and relevant to student life.

Sports

The Talon will be the hottest spot to get your NC Sports updates.

Arts and Entertainment

Look for news on the fall semester play as well as movie and music reviews.

Faculty Box

NC professors relate their area of expertise—science, literature, history—to current spiritual issues.

Students go overseas

A glimpse into the lives of students who went on missions trips this summer



Every summer, students in the Missions program complete a 6 to 8 week internship overseas. Here are excerpts from two students' journals which they were required to keep each day.

RACHEL NETTLETON: INTO AFRICA

Rachel is a senior Missions major. She traveled to Malawi, Africa to complete an 8-week missions internship.

BY RACHEL NETTLETON
Guest Writer

June 19th—

Lord, why is it so difficult for me to be here? I feel like I should feel adjusted to life by now—but for some reason life in Malawi, takes so much effort. I mean, life in the states seems so easy—I guess because I can become so busy and things are easier to get to and I am familiar with it. But here, even getting up and getting ready takes so much effort. And while talking to Darlene, there is no way that without YOU as my strength and joy that I would be able to live here. So I finally figured out what it means to daily depend on You, because with You—I wouldn't make it. I'm finding out how truly weak I am, and how You've made me who I am—including my strengths and weaknesses. I want to hear from You oh Lord. Renew my body and mind. I cannot do this internship without You—I won't survive.

July 13th -

Lord, You are faithful. I feel Your joy and renewing in my life today. How I thank You for Your faithfulness oh my God! I needed You and You heard my prayers and answered according to my needs. Church in Mangochi was amazing and I had tons of fun during worship and when we ate with the pastors at a Chinese Restaurant (in Africa..imagine that) they had no rice—I couldn't help but giggle. Something that You have totally shown me Lord is that I need to rely upon You for my protection and security- because yesterday Lord, was the first time I feared for my life. But You protected me and the girls and I praise You for that.

July 23rd -

Lord, this is the hardest thing I've ever done. Not only emotionally, but spiritually. I've come to see what You mean when Proverbs 3:5-6 says to, "trust in the Lord with all Your heart and lean not on Your own understanding. In all Your ways acknowledge him and He shall direct Your paths." Some things I just do not understand Lord. I don't understand why I haven't been taught how to deal with some of the stuff that the missionaries have to face every day. I do not understand how I thought I was prepared in coming

here, only to find out how little I know and how weak I really am. I do not understand how politics are somehow overtaking the church and it does not bother many people. All I want to do is spread Your word—I do not want to deal with anything else. It is frustrating Lord. But I know that I'm not smart enough to deal with it on my own, so Your wisdom is going to have to be my guide and it is Your strength that I need. It is weird to see how the "western world" is influencing the church over here. And to be honest Lord, I wish that in some cases, they would not mimic us. I guess there is good and bad to everything, it is just overwhelming to me right now—for I am seeing so many things in a new light, and some of it—I do not know how to handle.

If you have a mission experience you would like to share, please submit your story by email at:

talon@ncag.edu

All kinds of missions experiences are welcome!

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Randy Bonds Jr India

In order to complete Randy's bachelor's degree in Intercultural Communications, he and his wife, Noelle, traveled to Delhi, India on July 6 through August 18, 2003 on a missions internship.

They were supervised by missionaries Rich & Kelly Tevis and Scott & Brenda Zior.

Noelle taught English in the Home of Hope, a Teen Challenge center for rescued prostitutes and abused women, two days a week to a class of 5 young women. She taught them grammar and vocabulary. They worked through the book of Esther. Even though Noelle spoke little Hindi and the girls spoke little English, they

were able to communicate and form a tight bond.

Randy worked daily with missionary Scott Zior, traveling and meeting with pastors to encourage and mentor them.

This internship confirmed God's call on their lives to be missionaries to India. This trip wetted their appetite for missions work. Now that they are home they think often of returning soon and trust God to care for those they met and love there.

Randy would like to return to India to do work similar to that he did the internship. Noelle would like to teach English and be involved with the Home of Hope.

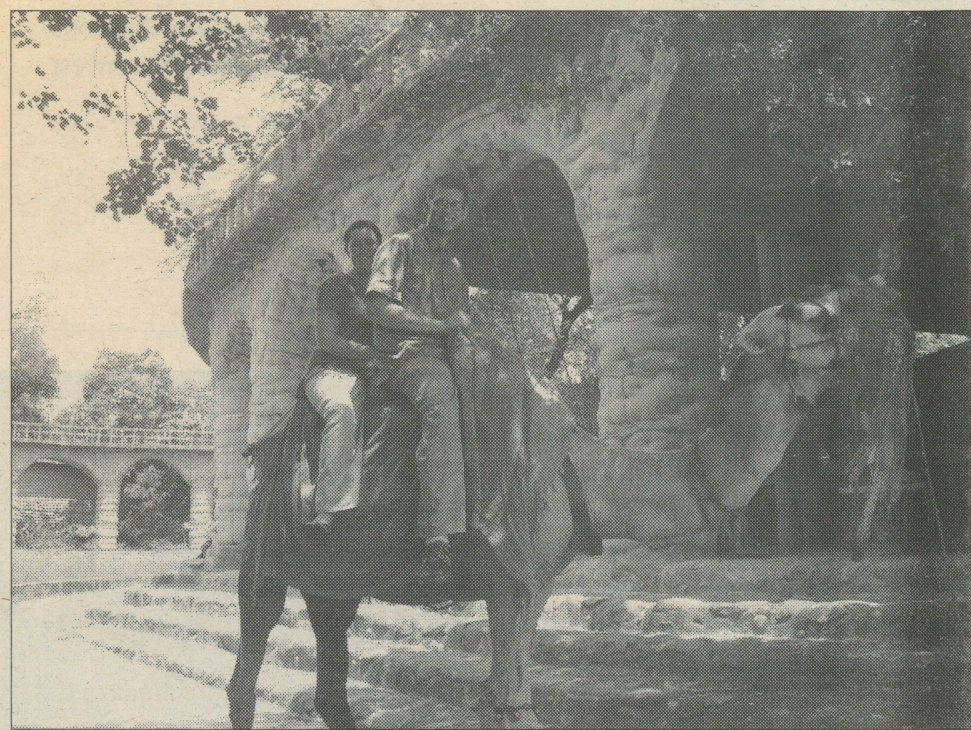
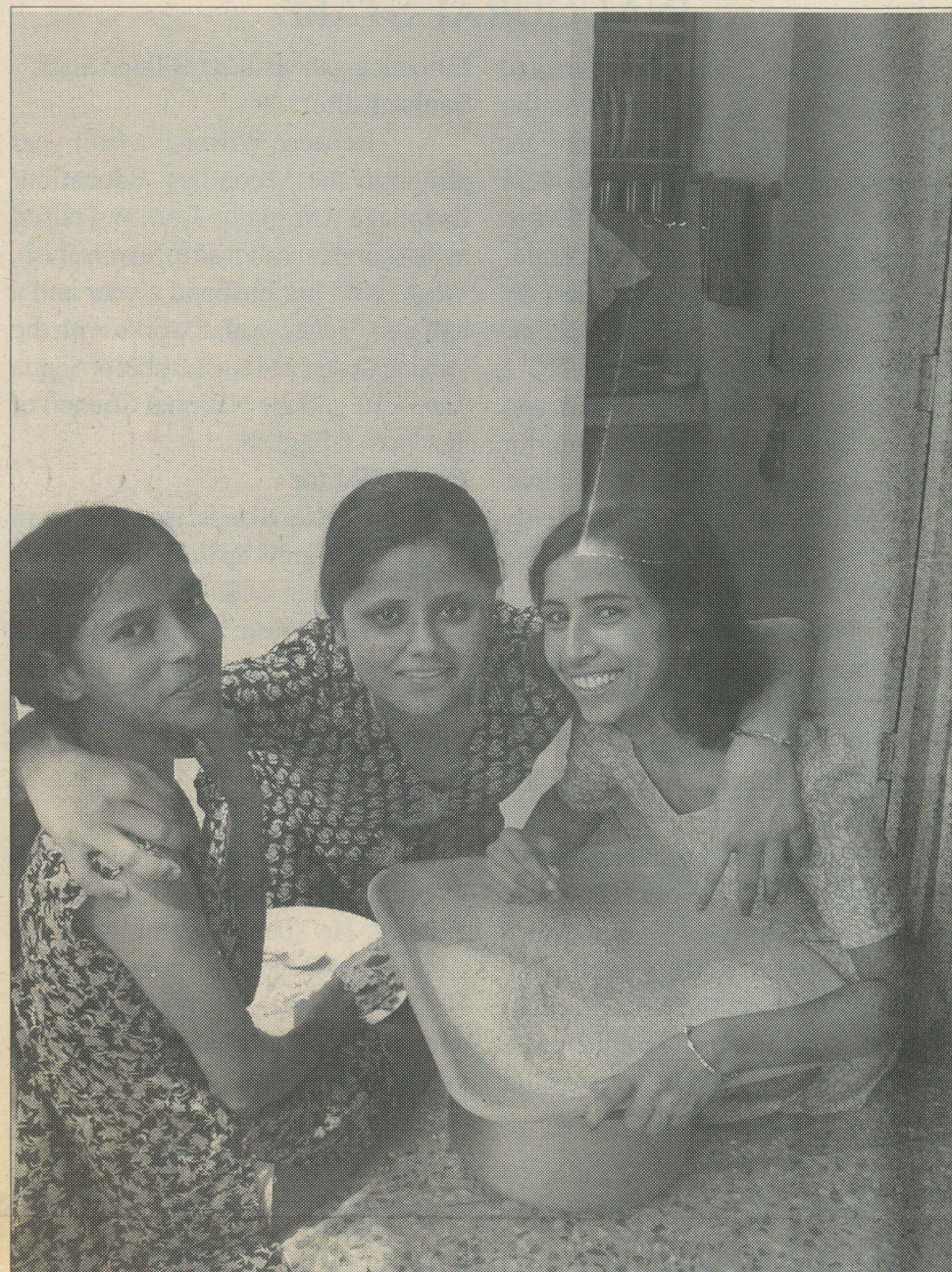
8/8/03 — Noelle

Kelly, Yongsin, and I went to Mother Teresa's orphanage in North Delhi. They have children from infants to 5 years old. Mother Superior was gone so I didn't get to meet her. Kelly thought we would enjoy meeting because of my Catholic background. Her reception lobby was full of pictures signed by famous people such as Hilary Clinton. All of the people there speak English and are mostly from Kerala. When the first sister approached, it was startling to see the blue and white striped habit. It made Mother Teresa very real, less like a fairytale. First we went to the 2-3 year olds. There were 5 girls and 1 boy. Boys get adopted more than girls in India. The children instantly started jumping on us. One little girl would not let me put her down because she wanted me to throw her in the air and spin her around. The little boy was so chubby! Then we went to the 6-12 month old babies. There we met a couple from Switzerland who was adopting a little girl, Eva. They were taking her home to Switzerland tonight! They are so lucky! We got to hold the babies, feed them, and put them down for a nap. The baby I fed was very active ☺ One little girl had the brightest eyes and always smiled. I told her, "Smile if you want me to take you home!" And she would give me a huge grin. Being there made me upset because the Indian government makes it so hard for foreigners to adopt. I am more convinced and determined than ever to adopt! However, Kelly said that when she came 2 weeks ago that the orphanage was completely full and that now it appeared as if approximately 1/3 of the children had been adopted. Maybe the government lifted the ban early? Most of the children there are babies of prostitutes. There were infants/newborns there as well, but no one is allowed to visit except for potential parents.

7/21/03 — Randy

Today I went to Scott's as per my usual Monday. I was running late. MK Babu arrived and we headed to a leader's training meeting in Delhi, it was somewhere on the outer edges of the city because we were in a bunch of farm land. The meeting provided us with lunch. It was rice and some kind of chick pea curry. I found a medium sized beetle in mine. It was hard, but I finished the meal. We headed home after lunch. On the way we stopped at a publishing house for a short time. On our way home we discussed the strategy used by the UP mission in

their leadership and evangelism. The biggest fault was that their "training on the job" was flawed because there was no foundation for these workers. When we returned home we continued doing office work. Today I took the rickshaw home alone. It was actually quite easy and it helped me feel more confident about travel here. I got home and we had chicken for dinner. Noelle is still feeling sick and my stomach is slightly woozy. Later we went to the market and the rickshaw driver who took us there spoke perfect English. He asked us if we were supporters of



President Bush. We hesitantly said, "Yes." He said he did not like President Bush. But it was not because of the war in Iraq. It was because President Bush said he wanted to stop terrorism in the world but he allied with Pakistan. India and Pakistan are brothers but have been warring for many years. The people of India consider Pakistan a terrorist nation. They enter India and kill thousands of innocent people every year.



EDITOR'S NOTE

MEET THE 2003 INAUGURAL STAFF

Students, faculty, administration, lend me your ears. NC stands on the threshold of a new era. This coming era promises to bring many changes to NC's campus and community. These changes—planned or unplanned, expected or unexpected, better or worse—are coming. As Senior Editor of The Talon, I encourage NC's community members to watch and prepare for these changes like a surfer watches and prepares for the next wave. We can either watch with heavenly guided anticipation or human guided stubbornness.

The staff members of The Talon hope to be at the top of each wave of change that will shape NC. We hope that the students, faculty, and administration will join us at that pinnacle.

The Talon is looking for reliable reporters. Reporters will write objective pieces on campus news and world news. Sports writers are also specifically needed. The Talon functions on tight monthly schedules, therefore reporters are required to keep regular deadlines.

Introducing the Fall 2003 Talon Staff: Senior Editor

Rebecca Wilson is a fifth-year junior in the Secondary Education/ Language Arts major. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, she moved to Sammamish, Wash. with her husband a year and a half ago. Rebecca also works with the Writing Center and is a member of Sigma Tau Delta and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Layout Editor

Noelle Bonds is a senior in English. She grew up in Yakima, Wash. and now lives with her husband in Woodinville, Wash. She likes to travel, read, and suffers from an addiction to Starbucks coffee. Noelle is also a youth leader at Cottage Lake Assembly of God.

Reporter

Justin Pike, a senior from Dallas, Ore., is majoring in Political Science and History. He spent several summers working as a Republican political staffer. He plans to return to Oregon to pursue a legal and political career following graduation.

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The Talon encourages letters to the editor. However, we reserve the right to edit any submissions.

The Talon is a student newspaper and therefore the views and opinions presented here do not necessarily reflect those of the institution of Northwest College.

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local neighborhoods, and into Lake Washington. The new configuration (referred to as the Regional Detention Facility) will consist of a deep pool - about one-third the size of the old pond - which will always be wet. When it rains, the deep pool will fill up and overflow into an intermediate pond. The intermediate pond will be a little bigger than the old pond, and is designed to have some water in during the wettest months of the year. In the event that the intermediate pond fills up during a significant weather event, the storm water will spill over and gradually encroach onto the very large and relatively flat grass area. When the significant weather is over, the storm water level will recede from the grass field, back into the intermediate pond, and finally back to the level of the deep pool. A series of two to three foot rockeries along the South edge of the field will provide a sort of amphitheater feel to the whole project. Finally, some excellent landscaping is planned to



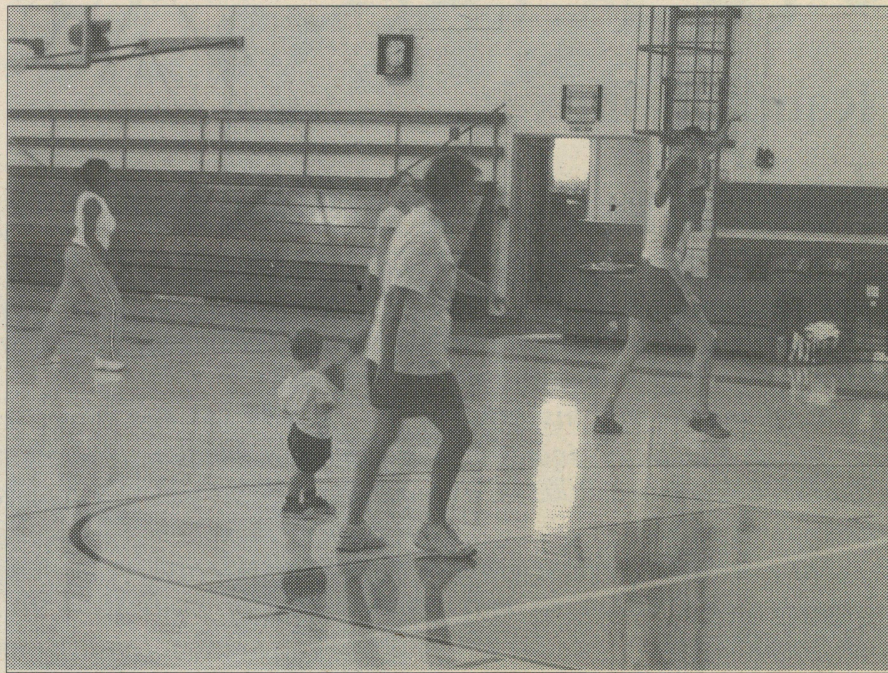
Construction workers remove topsoil from The Green during preliminary digging.

provide a visual buffer for much of the intermediate pond and deep pool. Lawn will cover the majority of the remaining surfaces.

The first phase of this project, planned for a year and a half, was started

in early June. The current phase of the project began the second week of August. The landscape/irrigation phase of the project is scheduled to be completed near the end of September. The lawn areas should be ready for

Orientation Week



Above, Professor Lenae Nofziger and her son, Sam, join new students in Jazzercise.



Middle, the Baskin Robbins orientation group gathers outside Perk Lounge to spend an afternoon out on the town.



Bottom, ASB serves ice cream to students during the ASB Ice Cream Social.

normal activities by the end of the year.

However, if students think remodeling the pond is a big, noisy project, then they are in for a surprise. The pond is only the beginning of a much larger master plan that will reshape NC's community. The next project on the master plan is a new academic center for classrooms and offices that will be built right on top of the road between D.V. Hurst Library and Ness Academic Center. After the academic center, a new recreation center will replace Northwest Pavilion. The recreation center will ideally hold court sports, coach's office, full size gym, elevated running track, training facilities, etc. Next, a student center is scheduled near the Perks Lounge that may house a new cafeteria, book store, and offices. The last phase of the plan is a new chapel that will replace Pecota Student Center.

This fall's freshmen may see the campus community in completion at their ten-year reunions.